Forest land for Sardar Sarover Project

t2464. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Government of Madhya Pradesh has urged for handing over 77.235 hectare additional forest land for Sardar Sarover Project; and

(b) if so, by when the approval would be accorded alongwith the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No proposal for diversion of 77.235 hectare of additional forest land for Sardar Sarover Project has been received by Central Government from Government of Madhya Pradesh.

(b) Does not arise

Forest Development Area project of Rajasthan

2465. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the Forest Development Area (FDA) projects of Rajasthan pending with Government;

(b) whether Government have drawn up any plan on these project proposals;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the details of the funds released by his Ministry to FDA projects in Rajasthan during the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (d) Out of 31 Forest Development Agency (FDA) project proposals received from Rajasthan State upto 06.02.2006, 30 project proposals have been approved at a total cost of Rs.38.19 crores to treat an area of 27,340 hectares. An amount of Rs.14.81 crores has been released during the last three years (2002-03 to 2004-05).

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.